

to expensive private loans—which don't have the same protections as Federal student loans.

But without this program, the California State Student Association estimates that more than 3,400 students in the California State university system alone could be forced to take out private loans or delay graduation.

Student loan debt now exceeds \$1 trillion. That's more than credit card debt. It's more than auto loans. In fact, it is second only to mortgage debt in this country. We owe it to current and future students to make sure college is as affordable as possible. That is what the Higher Education Extension Act and the Perkins Loan Program do.

We have no time to spare now. Let's get back on track and take up the extension bill that the House already passed and ensure our students are not left in the lurch. Thank you.

STOP SANCTUARY POLICIES AND PROTECT AMERICANS ACT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, from January through August of 2014, over 8,100 aliens that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had identified for deportation were released back into our communities by sanctuary jurisdictions. Over 5,000 of those released had a criminal history. In that same time period, 1,900 of those 8,100 went on to be charged with another 7,500 crimes.

These are crimes that would not have been committed had local authorities cooperated with Federal authorities in enforcing our laws.

This summer, everyone heard the case of Kate Steinle who was shot and killed in San Francisco by an illegal immigrant who had seven felony convictions and had been deported five times. Rather than turn him over to ICE, San Francisco released him, allowing him to commit more crimes. This guy even admitted that he was in San Francisco because their liberal laws would protect him.

While this one case received the media attention it deserved, many other preventable crimes don't.

For example, the city of Los Angeles released one immigrant who had been arrested for the continuous sexual abuse of a child. ICE wanted custody of this deviant. ICE tried to get custody of him. However, rather than hand him over to Federal law enforcement and get this guy out of our country and away from our children, Los Angeles ignored ICE's detainer and released him. He was later arrested for sodomy of a victim under 10 years old. Another child became a victim of this predator because liberal policies would rather release him into our communities then get him out of our country.

This year, sanctuary cities have already released more than 9,000 criminal aliens from jail and these criminals are committing more crimes.

In California, an immigrant was arrested for battery last year, but instead of turning him over to ICE, the

local sheriff released him. This July, he raped and beat a 64-year-old woman so severely that she died 8 days later—yet another preventable death due to the intentional failure of a jurisdiction to comply with federal law.

How many more do we have to have before people realize what these policies are doing to our communities? Over 300 States, cities, and counties have sanctuary laws, ordinances, or policies that protect criminals and hurt the innocent. These jurisdictions continue to receive money from the Federal Government even though they continue to ignore Federal laws and rebuff Federal agencies working to enforce the laws.

Enough is enough.

I believe that, if a jurisdiction chooses not to cooperate with federal law enforcement, they should not be the beneficiary of federal grants. This is why I cosponsored S. 2146, the Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle filibustered. It is why I have cosponsored similar legislation introduced by Senator SESSIONS.

Unfortunately, others would rather let politics come before doing what they know is right and failed to protect our communities from further victimization. When the proper enforcement of current law could save lives and protect the innocent, how could you not vote to do so?

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING TECHNICAL SERGEANT STEPHANIE McLAUGHLIN

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today we honor the life and service of TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin, whose passing signifies a great loss to both our State and country. I send my condolences and prayers to her parents, Sharon and Fred; her partner, Harold Kiesling; and the rest of her family in this time of mourning. Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was an incredible servicemember, going above and beyond to defend our freedom and uplift the local military community. She was an invaluable member of the Nevada family, and her service will never be forgotten.

Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was born on April 27, 1974, and attended North Hunterdon High School in New Jersey, where she graduated in 1992. She joined the U.S. Air Force in 1993 and then the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1997. Throughout her career, she served at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; the Pentagon, Washington, DC; McMurdo Station, Antarctica; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Carson City Joint Force Headquarters, Nevada. She worked for several two, three, and four star generals during her service, including Maj. Gen. Ron J. Bath, retired. Most recently, she served as confidential assistant to the adjunct general of Nevada, Brig. Gen. William Burk. Her efficiency in her work and

devotion to her job could never be replicated.

Throughout her service, Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was awarded numerous accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal, four Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and two Air Force Achievement Medals. I am grateful the Nevada family was given the opportunity to work with Technical Sergeant McLaughlin and learn by her example.

She embodied only the greatest of Nevada's values with passion, fearlessness, and drive that made her a remarkable individual. Her legacy of empathy and determination will echo on for years to come throughout the Silver State. She was one of a kind, and we are lucky to have had such a strong individual working within our State. We will always remember her for her courageous contributions to the United States of America. My office enjoyed working alongside Technical Sergeant McLaughlin, and I am thankful for all of her hard work and dedication to veterans across Nevada. She was always the first one to volunteer in helping others, which was shown both throughout her career and throughout her time working in the local community.

Technical Sergeant McLaughlin was a shining example in Nevada's military community and put forth a tremendous effort working with the Nevada Military Support Alliance. She deeply cared for veterans across the State, bringing together hundreds of Nevadans to support our wounded and fallen warriors, their families, and loved ones. Technical Sergeant McLaughlin sacrificed countless hours helping plan events and fundraisers in support of our State's heroes. I had the pleasure of attending multiple Nevada Military Support Alliance galas planned by Technical Sergeant McLaughlin and have seen firsthand the incredible impact she had on Nevadans, active military servicemembers, and veterans. The footprint she left on this community will be felt for years to come.

Throughout her life, Technical Sergeant McLaughlin demonstrated unparalleled selflessness, both in defending our Nation and in supporting her fellow servicemembers. Her patriotism and drive will never be forgotten. Today, I join the Nevada family in celebrating the life of an upstanding Nevadan. TSgt Stephanie McLaughlin. •

RECOGNIZING KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Kansas City Kansas Community College and its efforts to support innovation and entrepreneurship by launching 100 Garages, an initiative of the KCKCC Innovation Center to connect area inventors with local makers who can help translate ideas into products. The initiative enables local makers who have skills and equipment to

assist those with ideas and inventions by helping them find each other through an online database and other avenues. Additionally, as part of this initiative, KCKCC is launching a class to guide potential inventors from the idea phase through patent searches, licensing, prototyping, and product creation to market and revenue generation.

The story of America is a story of entrepreneurs—individuals who took great risks to pursue their dreams. These entrepreneurs built the foundation of the American economy from its earliest days by pushing forward innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Innovation by entrepreneurs not only improves our lives, but also results in the creation of countless new jobs and opportunities for Americans.

Many of our favorite and most inspiring stories about innovation and entrepreneurship are those that trace their beginnings to the family garage. Many Fortune 500 companies, such as Ford, Apple, and General Electric, got their start with passionate, committed individuals, a promising idea, and a great deal of hard work. Often, the greatest barrier to creating something innovative and transformative is bringing together people and their respective potentials. I commend KCKCC for its efforts to promote innovation and the spirit of entrepreneurship in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, the State of Kansas, and the region.●

RECOGNIZING COOK ME SOMETHIN' MISTER

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, oftentimes small businesses are grown out of a desire to help folks in their communities. It is especially encouraging to see this after a catastrophic natural disaster. As we honor National Women's Small Business Week, I would like to recognize Cook Me Somethin' Mister of New Orleans, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, a recent college graduate named Kristen Preau was approached by her employer, the University of New Orleans Athletic Department, to come up with a way to generate much-needed funding for the school. Preau took to what she knew best: her family's beloved jambalaya recipe. Raising \$100,000 in just 3 months at college tailgating events across the country, Preau knew she had a hit. Over the next few years, Preau—known for much of her life as the “Jambalaya Girl”—perfected and expanded her seasonings, which were selling as quickly as they were stocked on the shelves of local grocery stores. Having roots firmly planted in the Louisiana culinary scene, Preau's family were some of the first folks to cook and serve jambalaya at the French Quarter Fest in New Orleans's famous Jackson Square. The family also enjoyed a close relationship with the late, world fa-

mous Cajun Chef Paul Prudhomme who had a hand in blending the “Jambalaya Girl's” seasonings.

Today, Preau's operation has grown into full-time endeavor with five full-time employees producing the “Jambalaya Girl's” products in her hometown of New Orleans. Enjoying great success, Kristen and her jambalaya have gained national recognition and was recently named a Top 100 Small Business in the country for 2015 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana Small Business Administration's, SBA, Women in Business Champion, and the Women's Business Enterprise Council, WBEC, South Role Model of the Year for 2014, among others.

Congratulations again to Cook Me Somethin' Mister for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your inspiration for woman entrepreneurs across Louisiana. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING HEALTHE HABITS FOR LIVING

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I imagine most Americans are familiar with the importance of making healthful living choices. In honor of National Women's Small Business Month, I would like to recognize Healthe Habits for Living of Lafayette, LA, as Small Business of the Week for their commitment to helping folks reach and maintain healthy lifestyles.

In 2007, after a personal battle with medical issues, Jill Hurley opened Healthe Habits for Living with the mission to help train, coach, and advise other adults in the appropriate skills for exercise, nutrition, and mental strategies to live a healthy lifestyle. Putting her education to work in order to develop a unique approach to battling heart disease, Jill has become accustomed to the physical and mental challenges of individuals suffering from heart disease. To complement their life skills counseling in nutrition and long-term mental success strategies, Jill and her team of physical and occupational therapists also provide physical strength training to their patients, encouraging and enabling a balanced active lifestyle that parallels healthier life changes.

Named the Small Business Administration's, SBA, 2011 Women in Business Champion for Louisiana, Jill's proven endeavor to assist others in reaching their healthy living goals has expanded to three successful locations across south Louisiana and currently employs an all-female staff of six physical and occupational therapists. Since opening her first location, Jill has continuously hired some of the most qualified and successful therapists in Louisiana, and she encourages her staff to further their educational training as they build outstanding careers in the therapy field.

Women-owned small businesses have an unequivocal impact on our commu-

nities and the lives of those who need assistance the most, and Healthe Habits for Living is a testament to the extraordinary achievements of women entrepreneurs across America. Congratulations again to Lafayette's own, Healthe Habits for Living for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your commitment to tackling health issues in your community head-on.●

RECOGNIZING 2 SISTERS' SALSA COMPANY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, family-owned small businesses provide parents a one-of-a-kind opportunity to teach their children the value of hard work and taking risks to pursue one's dreams. This is especially true for 2 Sisters' Salsa Company, which started as a kitchen conversation between family friends and has since grown into a successful women-owned venture. In honor of National Woman's Small Business Month, I would like to recognize 2 Sisters' Salsa of Plaquemine, LA, as this week's Small Business of the Week.

2 Sisters' Salsa Company began when family friends, the Deshotels and Bordelons, began occasionally making salsa in their kitchen. After a couple of batches, they began to refine their recipe until they created a finished product to their liking. They soon realized that their salsa had immense potential, so they began jarring and labeling their product for store shelves, which was receiving excellent reviews from friends and family. As the company grew, the need for an original name became critical to the development of their small business. They settled upon 2 Sisters' Salsa in honor of the two sets of sisters of the Deshotels and Bordelon families. With a new name and growing clientele, the daughters of the two families went from being the namesake of 2 Sisters' Salsa Company to full-time employees, helping their parents with production and sale of their salsa products.

Today, 2 Sisters' Salsa has expanded from the Deshotels' kitchen to a new facility in Avoyelles Parish producing 5,000 salsa products a day. As the reigning world champion for the medium salsa category, 2 Sisters' Salsa can be found in over 100 restaurants and retail locations.

The hard work and creativity of Patrick and Brooke Deshotels; Jason and Stacy Bordelon; and their daughters Sara, Emily, Shellie, and Rayne certainly deserve recognition, especially as we celebrate National Women's Small Business Month. Congratulations again to this week's Small Business of the Week, 2 Sisters' Salsa Company, and I wish you continued success.●

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